



City of New Bedford

OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL

133 William Street • New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740 • (508) 979-1455

George Rogers
Councillor at Large

CHAIRMAN

Committee on Ordinances

Committee on Recreation
Tourism and Historical Objects

NEW BEDFORD
Tel
296004

Mr. Mark J. Otis
New Bedford Project Manager
Dept. of the Army
N.E.Div., Corps of Engineers
424 Trapelo Rd.
Waltham, MA 02254-9149

1-9-92

Dear Mr. Otis:

At tonight's City Council meeting, a rather lengthy discussion took place over your agency's involvement in the decision made by the former Mayor, John K. Bullard, and certain other individuals in his administration, to allow you to burn PCB's on city property. This decision was made without any input whatsoever from the City Council and, quite frankly, many of us are very upset about it.

We are upset to the point where we have called on EPA to hold further hearings on the whole PCB Program, and the first meeting will be on Jan. 21 at 7 PM at one of our public library branches.

For the City to have agreed to let the Army or any other agency come into the City and use Park Land to dispose of PCB's is, in my estimation, unconscionable. And to keep the City Council in the dark over the decision borders on irresponsibility.

The purpose of my letter to you is to let you know that the voters of this city voted in the November election by about a 2-1 margin to reject the burning of PCB's at the foot of Sawyer St. The question was put on the ballot by the Hands Across the River Coalition and I had the privilege of initiating the Council action that was required to allow it to go on the ballot. The EPA did a city-wide pamphlet distribution in an attempt to beat down our referendum question, but we prevailed with our position without any advertising, just by doing as much through the public medias as we could.

I am sure you are unaware of any of this, but I felt it important to let you know what is going on. I'd appreciate your comments.

With kind regards,


George Rogers

Councillor at Large. Residence and Office: 23 Robeson Street • New Bedford, MA 02740 • Tel (508) 996-2716

